

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1325
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MISUSE OF IMPORT LICENCES BY MNCS
GANTA SRINIVASA RAO;GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that some of the foreign based companies who were granted licence for import of scotch concentrates have misused the licence by misdeclaring of imported goods and by under-invoicing;
- (b) if so, the names of these companies; and
- (c) the action the Government propose to take in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a), (b) & (c): One such case of misdeclaration of value, quantity & classification of scotch whiskey concentrates involving evasion of customs duty by M/s Seagram Mfg. Ltd. has been detected during the last three years. Two show cause notices demanding total customs duty of Rs. 50.04 crores have been issued to the company. Prosecution complaint has also been filed against the company and its four officials before the jurisdictional Court.